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1. JAPAN

LDP/GOJ SOURCES SAY MIKI WILL ANNOUNCE RESIGNATION FRI-
DAY, PRESENT PROPOSALS FOR THOROUGH REFORM LDP STRUCTURE
(REUTER TOKYO).

SOVIET FON TRADE MINISTER MAY VISIT TOKYO LATE DEC/EARLY
JAN TO FORMALLY SIGN RENEWED 5-YR JAPAN-SOVIET TRADING/PAY-
MENT AGREEMENT. GOJ INTENDS INFORM MOSCOW THAT VISIT WEL-
COME EITHER FOLLOWING UPCOMING GOVT RESHUFFLE OR NEXT
MONTH (JOC).

TOSHIO OHURA, ALLEGED RED ARMY GUERRILLA WANTED FOR QUES-
TIONING ABOUT 1969 KYOTO POLICE HQ EXPLOSION, CAPTURED
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BY CANADIAN POLICE IN TORONTO, DEPORTED TO JAPAN (REUTER
TOKYO).

TASS ANNOUNCES FORMER SOV AMB TO JAPAN TROYANOVSKY WILL

SUCCEED MALIK AS USSR'S UN AMB (UPI, NYT; AP, WP).

ITC SUSTPENDS 2 OF 3 INVESTIGATIONS JAPANESE COLOR TV
IMPORTS UNTIL ANOTHER JAPANESE TV-RELATED STUDY COMPLETED
(WSJ).

FINANCE MINISTRY REPORTS IMPORTS EXCEEDED EXPORTS IN
NOV, LEAVING TRADE DEFICIT FOR 1ST TIME SINCE AUG (JOC).

GOJ WILL DECIDED ON DATE FOR APPLYING STRICT AUTO EXHAUST
EMISSION CONTROLS TO IMPORTED CARS FOLLOWING NEGOTS W/EC
DELEGATION DUE VISIT TOKYO MID-JANUARY (CULLISON, JOC).

TOYOTA/NISSAN SET EXPORT RECORDS LAST MONTH; BOTH EXPECT
RECORD PRODUCTION/EXPORTS FOR WHOLE YR (REUTER TOKYO; WSJ).

ATKIN (CSM) REPORTS FOOTBALL RAPIDLY BECOMING MAJOR AT-
TRACTION IN JAPAN, ALSO SPURRING MULTI-MIL-DOL FOOTBALL
TRADE.

2. JAPAN/AUSTRALIA

MIKI WILL SEND LETTER TO FRASER THIS WK PLEDING JAPAN'S
INCREASE IN BEEF IMPORTS FOR CURRENT HALF-YR (UPI, JOC).

3. KOREA

HOUSE ETHICS CMTE EXPECTED VOTE 12/15 ON BEGINNING
FULL-SCALE INVESTIGATION ALLEGED CONGRESSIONAL INVOLVE-
MENT IN SK INFLUENCE-PEDDLING (BABCOCK, WP). CMTE ALSO
EXPECTED SELECT PHILIP LACOVARA--MEMBER WATERGATE PROSE-
CUTING TEAM--TO HEAD INQUIRY (TAYLOR, WSTAR 12/14).

BABCOCK ALSO REPORTS REP FRASER PLANS ASK HIRC/FULL HOUSE
SET UP SPECIAL SUBCMTE , CHAIRED BY HIM, TO INVESTIGATE
"FULL RANGE OF US-KOREA RELATIONS."

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CLOHERTY/OWENS (CHI S-T 12/10) REPORT REP WILSON ADMITTED
SECRET MTG W/KCIA HEAD SHIN JIK SOO IN SEOUL LAST APRIL
TO DISCUSS SK INFLUENCE-PEDDLING. SHIN TOLD NOT GET "SO
UPSET" ABOUT FRASER INVESTIGATION, THAT SK HAD "FRIENDS"
IN CONGRESS WHO WOULD ENSURE PROPER RECOGNITION SK NATL
SECURITY. WILSON ONE OF SK'S MOST OUTSPOKEN ADVOCATES
ON CAPITOL HILL, BUT DENIES RECEIPT GIFTS/FAVORS.

MANSFIELD SAYS HE/SEN SCOTT TURNED DOWN OFFER 2 YEARS
AGO FOR ALL EXPENSE PAID TRIP SK/HONORARY DEGREE/2500
DOLS EACH. OFFER CAME THRU MIDDLEMAN WHOM MANSFIELD
REFUSED IDENTIFY (CDN 12/8).

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KOREA IRAN PETROLEUM CO HAS RAISED 50 MIL DOL LOAN IN
INTL MARKET THRU 16 BANKS, INCL BANKERS TRUST (WSJ).

4. INDOCHINA

LE DUAN OPENS HANOI PARTY CONGRESS, CALLS FOR REVOLUTIONS
IN SCIENCE/PRODUCTION/CULTURAL-IDEOLOGICAL AFFAIRS. SAYS
PROBLEMS INCLUDE SHORTAGES FOOD/MATERIALS, FACT NVN/SVN
ECONOMIES NOT IN HARMONY (WP; AP SUN, PHINQ). PRES TON
DUC THANG RIPS US, APPEALS TO CONSOLIDATE VICTORY. IN
FOLLOWING SPEECH, LE DUAN SAYS VN FAILURE WEAKENED US.
PRC DID NOT SEND DELEGATION TO CONGRESS, SENT "WARMEST
GREETINGS" (UPI, CHITRIB). ANDELMAN (NYT) DESCRIBES
CONGRESS' OPENING, INCL 6-HR SPEECH BY LE DUAN THAT
OUTLINED PLANS FOR ECON DEVELOPMENT/STRENGTHENING GOVT
STRUCTURE. MENTIONS SOME DIPLOMATS EXPRESSED DOUBT CHINA'S
ABSENCE INDICATED STRAIN IN RELS. FINDS NO SURPRISES IN
OPENING SESSION. SAYS VN ECON PLANS WILL REQUIRE EXTEN-
SIVE FOREIGN AID.

FIRST TRAIN ARRIVES HANOI FROM SAIGON (REUTER, WP).

EADS (WP) AT VIENTIANE DESCRIBES CONDITIONS ON ISLANDS
BEHIND NAM NGUM DAM WHERE LAOTIANS SEEN AS "RIFF-RAFF LEFT
BEHIND BY THE YEARS OF AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT" ARE SENT FOR
REHABILITATION. SAYS FOR SOME IS WELCOME CHANGE, BUT
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MANY IT IS "IDYLIC SUNBAKED PRISON CAMP."

HOUSE SELECT MIA CMTE ISSUES REPORT THAT CONCLUDES NO US
POWS BEING HELD ALIVE IN INDOCHINA, ONLY PARTIAL ACCOUNT-
ING OF 2546 MIAS WILL EVER BE MADE. ADDS NVIETS HAVE INFO
ON LARGE BUT UNDERTERMINED NUMBER AVIATORS SHOT DOWN, AS
WELL AS ON SOME AMERICANS KILLED OR ONCE HELD IN OTHER
AREAS INDOCHINA; PL/KR MAY ALSO HAVE INFO ON SOME MIAS.

5. PHILIPPINES

ABOUT 1000 ROUNDED UP/42 FIREARMS CONFISCATED IN MARTIAL
LAW DRIVE AGAINST CRIMINALS IN MANILA (UPI, WP).

6. INDONESIA

AT OPEC MTG IN QATAR, MINISTERS MADE CLEAR NO MATTER HOW
MUCH OIL PRICES GO UP, OPEC STATES NOT PREPARED VARY THEM/
GIVE REBATES/CREATE MULTI-TIERED PRICE STRUCTURE. GOI'S
SADLI SAYS IDEA NOT POPULAR AMONG OIL MINISTERS WHO PREFER
INCREASE ECON AID TO DEVELOPING NATIONS (PHINQ). SADLI
TOOK VIEW THAT W HAS BEEN TRYING FIGHT INFLATION, SHOULD

BE GIVEN CHANCE BRING IT DOWN TO ABOUT 5 PCT (LEWIS, NYT).
SADLI SAYS "WE" HAVE SOME RESPONSIBILITY FOR WORLD
ECONOMY, OUR DECISION WILL REFLECT IT (PARKS, SUN).

7. CHINA

KYODO SAYS DISPATCH FROM PEKING TUES REPORTED PRC'S SPORTS
MINISTER CHUANG TSE-TUNG PUBLICLY DISGRACED/DRIVEN FROM
POLITICS. CHUANG DESCRIBED AS MME MAO'S "CAT'S PAW" IN
HER ATTEMPT LINE UP POL SUPPORT IN CHINESE ATHLETIC WORLD
(UPI, CHITRIB).

SHANSI RADIO BROADCAST REPORTS PROV'S 1ST SEC/SEVERAL
OTHER TOP LEADERS APPARENTLY KIDNAPPED/BEATEN LAST SUMMER
BY "GANG OF 4." WHETHER FACT OR EXAGGERATION, PROVINCES
NOW IN MIDST EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION LOCAL "LEFTIST" FOL-
LOWERS (BUTTERFIELD, NYT HK).

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SUN'S WU REPORTS PEKING RADIO BROADCAST TUES CARRIED
INTERVIEW W/CHU CHIN-TO, INSTRUCTOR/ACTOR W/SHANGHAI
OPERA. CHU SAYS HE WROTE 3 TIMES TO MAO BETWEEN '73
AND '75, REPORTING CONSPIRACIES MME CHIANG/SENIOR POLIT-
BURO MEMBER/VICE PREMIER. CLAIMS HE WAS ARRESTED/DETAINED
OVER 10 MONTHS AFTER LETTERS FELL INTO HANDS OF "GANG
OF 4." CHU FREED ONLY AFTER "GANG" PURGED IN OCTOBER.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

8. KOREA

TULLY (SF CHRON 12/6) SUPPORTS FORMER SECDEF LAIRD'S
PROPOSAL THAT US REMOVE GROUND TROOPS FROM SK, BUT LEAVE
AIR POWER. SAYS JAPAN'S FEAR OF SUCH MOVE COULD BE
REMEDIED BY BUILDING UP HER OWN DEFENSES. FINDS RIDICU-
LOUS RATIONALE THAT US MAINTAIN TROOP PRESENCE IN ORDER
"PLEASE" PRC BY MAINTAINING POWER BALANCE AGAINST SOVIET
AMBITIONS, ESPECIALLY WHILE PRC TRYING "INTEGRATE" KOREAN
PENINSULA. CONCLUDES ONLY COMMUNIST COULD SELL PACKAGE
WHEREBY US "ASSIGNED" KEEP PEACE IN ASIA WHILE "REDS TRY TO
KNOCK IT IN THE HEAD."

LAT (12/14) STATES "FEAR, INTIMIDATION, HARASSMENT BORDER-
ING TERRORISM" HAVE FOLLOWED KOREANS FROM HOMELAND TO US.
BELIEVES US SHOULD PROVIDE "HAVEN" FROM KCIA ACTIVITIES;
KOREANS IN AMERICAN MUST BE PROTECTED, THOSE WHO CONSPIRE
DENY THEM LIBERTIES "MUST BE UNCOVERED AND STOPPED."

ANDERSON/WHITTEN (WP) SAY BO HI PAK--KEY FIGURE IN SK
INFLUENCE SCANDAL/REV MOON'S "MOUTHPIECE"--HELD 2 PASS-

PORTS WHEN HE APPLIED FOR PERMANENT US RESIDENCE, BUT WITHHELD INFO FROM IMMIGRATION. SAY HE ALSO HAD BOTH DIPLOMATIC/VISITOR'S VISA, WHICH IMMIGRATION BELIEVES DESIGNED OBSCURE COMINGS AND GOINGS.

DUNAGIN CARTOON (CHITRIB) SHOWS 2 MEN WALKING IN FRONT CAPITOL, ONE SAYING, "OF COURSE I BELIEVE IN SANTA CLAUS...HE'S SOUTH KOREAN, ISN'T HE?"

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CONRAD CARTOON (LAT 12/14) DEPICTS CAPITOL W/HUGE XMAS STOCKINGS HANGING EVERYWHERE. CAPTION READS, "THE STOCKINGS WERE HUNG BY THE CHIMNEY WITH CARE, IN HOPES THAT TONGSUN PARK SOON WOULD BE THERE."

9. JAPAN

CDN (12/8) STATES JAPANESE "REBUFFED" GOVERNING PARTY "SUBTLY." SEES GOVERNMENTAL PROBLEMS MOSTLY INTERNAL, AS JAPAN TRIES COPE W/RAPID INDUSTRIALIZATION/URBANIZATION. CONCLUDES JAPANESE POPUL, AS IT AFFECTS US/OTHER W DEMOCRACIES, REMAINS UNCHANGED.

BEECH (CDN HK, 12/8) REVIEWS ELECTION RESULTS, SAYS SURPRISING LDP "DIDN'T SUFFER MORE," BECAUSE IT "RICHLY DESERVED TO LOSE." TERMS LDP "COALITION OF FACTIONS, EACH LED BY A FEUDAL BARON MORE INTERESTED IN PERSONAL POWER" THAN NATL WELFARE. BELIEVES LDP MUST REFORM, "IF INDEED IT IS CAPABLE."

10. INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

LAT (12/14) QUOTES MCARTHUR'S DESCRIPTION HAZARDS/PLIGHT "BOAT PEOPLE" WHO ESCAPE INDOCHINA. SAYS ONLY BRIGHT SPOT IS EFFORT WORLD CONF ON RELIGIONS/PEACE THAT USES SHIP TO PICK UP/CARE FOR REFUGEES AT SEA. SEES NEED FOR GREATER EFFORTS MEET NEEDS REFUGEES BY SUCH OFFICES AS UNHCR. OPINES ABOVE ALL, SOLUTION LIES W/VN GOVT THAT SHOULD MODERATE OPPRESSIVE DOMESTIC POLICIES THAT BOAT PEOPLE CONSIDER GREATER THREAT TO WELL-BEING THAN PERILS OF OPEN SEA.

11. CHINA

ZORZA (WP) SEE THREAT TO HUA BEGINNING GATHER MOMENTUM AS RADICALS GRADUALLY RECOVER FROM SHOCK HE ADMINISTERED. NOTES ANTI-HUA POSTERS APPEARING, CAUSE SERIOUS CONCERN TO NEW AUTHORITIES. OPINES IMPRESSION THAT PLA UNITED BEHIND HUA IS FICTION, SINCE MANY YOUNGER CMDRS MAY HAVE

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BEEN INFLUENCED BY RADICALS' PROMISES. SAYS WHAT ARMY WANTS IS MORE/BETTER WEAPONS, SO DEBATE ON DEFENSE SPENDING IN PRC NOW IS KEY PART WIDER POLICY DEBATE ON PACE/DIRECTION DEVELOPMENT; ARREST RADICAL LEADERS HAS NOT RESOLVED DEBATE. OPINES LEADER WHO PROMISES YOUNGER MIL WHAT WANTS MIGHT BE ABLE OUST HUA/CHANGE DIRECTION PRC'S POLICY.

MORITZ (CSM) OPINES CHINESE SEEKING ANSWERS AS TO WHETHER COUNTRY HEADED TOWARD MAOISM W/O MAO, OR MAO W/O MAOISM, W/SOME WONDERING IF MAO'S QUOTATIONS BEING USED JUSTIFY SHIFT AWAY FROM HIS POLICY DISRUPTIVE CAMPAIGNS VS BUREAUCRACY/INEQUALITY TOWARD GREATER EMPHASIS ON ORDERLY ECON DEVELOPMENT. OBSERVES LITTLE OPPORTUNITY READ THINKING CHINESE PEOPLE, BUT DETECTS CONCERN THAT OFFICIAL VERSION MAY NOT BE FULLY BELIEVED. REVIEWS GREAT LENGTHS OFFICIAL PRESS/RADIO GO TO DEMONSTRATE CURRENT LEADERSHIP/ POLICIES HAVE MAO'S BLESSING.

IN TRUDEAU'S "DOONESBURY," AMB TO PRC "UNCLE DUKE" TELLS INTERPRETER HE NEEDS CRASH COURSE IN READING WALL POSTERS. WHEN ASKED IF HAS SOMETHING DO W/MISSING SILVERWARE, DUKE EMPHASIZES HE NEEDS BETTER INFO TO DO JOB.

ISASCS (SUN) ON TAIWAN REVIEWS US/CHINAT STAND ON 2-CHINA POLICY; OPINES DIFFICULT FOR OUTSIDER SUPPRESS THOUGHT THAT SEPARATION TAIWAN/CHINA MAY BE MOST NATURAL OUTCOME OF PRESENT ANOMOLOUS SITUATION. GIVES ARGUMENTS THAT LEAD TO CONCLUSION, BASED ON HISTORY CHINA/TAIWAN.

BUCKLEY (CDN) SEES REASON FOR BOTH CHINAS. SEES ROOT OF PROBLEM IN SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE THAT US INTERPRETS AS NOT INTERFERING W/RELS W/TAIWAN, THE PRC BELIEVES IS MANDATE FOR NORMALIZATION RELS, MEANING "DITCHING" TAIWAN. REVIEWS "CURIOUS PHENOMENON" OF MANY US DIPLOMATS/POETS DREAMING OF REUNIFYING CHINA. RECALLS PRC CONSIDERS UNIFICATION QUESTION MINOR, DESIRES IT LESS ARDENTLY THAN MANY IN US. BELIEVES YIELDING TAIWAN TO ACCOMMODATE CHINA BUT DOING SO WOULD REVEAL WEAKNESS OF CHARACTER THAT WOULD MAKE US LESS ESTIMABLE STRATEGICALLY IN CHINESE EYES.

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READER MEYER WRITES TO NYT DECRIES SEN MANFIELD'S ADVOCACY COMPLETION-SHANGHAICOMMUNIQUE. POINTS OUT TAIWANESE NOT REPRESENTED IN COMMUNIQUE, HAVE INTEREST THAT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED. CRITICIZES MANSFIELD'S LOGIC. CRITICIZES US

SUPPORT CHINAT REGIME ON TAIWAN; WANTS SELF-DETERMINATION
FOR TAIWAN PEOPLE.

12. ADD KOREA NEWS

SEN PERCY SAYS CARTER ADMIN WILL MOVE CAUTIOUSLY/CONSULT
WITH JAPAN/SK BEFORE DECIDING WHETHER WITHDRAW US TROOPS
FROM SK. ADDS HE DISCUSSED MATTER W/CYRUS VANCE BEFORE
LEAVING FOR JAPAN (AP). KISSINGER

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